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1. There was a definite numbering system for army depots. There were not so very many military depots in the USSR. For example, in the usual military district there was one engineering depot. A large district might have two or three. The same range of numbers was used by both engineering and communications depots, of which there were approximately 30 in all the USSR. Their numbers were from 100 up, perhaps to 130. In the Central Asian military district the engineering depot was 107 and the communications depot was 116.
2. Supply depots were not numbered. The two types were called "prodbase" (rations) and "oboznovshevel sklad" (clothing, horse harness, horse-drawn vehicles). As of late 1939 in the Central Asian military district an air force depot and a chemical service depot were still under construction and had not yet been assigned numbers. The artillery depot in Tashkent was number 22 and the one near Aric /Siz/ was number 20.
3. Several new military districts, such as those with headquarters at Archangel, Khar'kov, and Orel, were formed in the late 1930s. The new districts did not necessarily increase appreciably the number of depots, because these districts had few troops. The new districts were formed primarily for mobilization purposes.

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4. The depot with the highest number in the USSR would not indicate the total number of military depots in the country. The total number would be less. Moscow, for example, could assign numbers one through sixty for a certain type of depot, but only about thirty numbers might be used.

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